

cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

MAY 2021



SECOND ANNUAL Asian Festival on Main

May 15
Noon to 6 p.m.
Old Town Fairfax

The festival will be held on Main Street (Route 236), between University Drive and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road

FREE ADMISSION

asianfestivalonmain.com

Turn to page 6 for more!

Meet the 2022 Women of Influence

Longtime residents Hildie Carney and Carolyn Sutterfield have lived life connected for decades by investing in the past, nurturing the present, and planning for the future — and in recognition, the Commission for Women has named them the 2022 Women of Influence.

A Country Club Hills resident since 1965, Carney started from the ground up, with decades-long memberships in the Old Lee Hills and Fairfax Ferns garden clubs. Her love of history and preservation led her to serve on Historic Fairfax City, Inc. for decades (most recently as its

president), and was one of “The Five” who encouraged the city to acquire the Historic Blenheim house and the surrounding land. From her living room window, she can see the Civil War Interpretive Center, and she often gives guided tours of the historic, one-of-a-kind house.

The past and the present come together in her management of Kitty Pozer Garden in Old Town Square. She served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Commission for Women, Board of Architectural Review, Festival of Lights and Carols Committee, and Independence Day Celebration Committee.

She also served for 14 years as an assistant to feminist icon Betty Friedan, who spoke at a Commission for Women event in 1989.

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CITY NEWS

City Government Offices Holiday Closures

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select, General District Court
- CUE Bus: Saturday service

Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

- May 30: no service
- May 31: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide May 30 – June 4. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected.

Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837

Senior Center Open House, May 4

Celebrate Older Americans Month with the Young at Heart Senior Center at a free open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 4 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Learn more about aging in place and living independently in your community with planning, accessibility, and connecting with others. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/seniorcenter*

Blood Drive, May 17

Support your community by donating blood at the city's next blood drive. From 1-6 p.m. May 17, the Inova Services Bloodmobile will be at the Fairfax City Police Station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. To schedule an appointment, call 866-BLOOD-SAVES, or visit the city website calendar for online appointment access.

Wildfire Preparedness

You may think wildfires are a western threat, but fires can ignite in Fairfax City. Here are a few simple actions you can take to prepare for a wildfire.

- Make an emergency plan
- Fortify your home
- Practice your evacuation plan
- Stock emergency supplies

Visit fairfaxva.gov to sign up for **Fairfax City Alert** and be first to know of any disruptions. Visit PlanetReady.com/FairfaxCity and take the wildfire preparedness exercise to get ready.

Community Connect

Every second counts in an emergency. When you sign up for Community Connect, first responders can access important information while in route to an emergency at your home or business. The information you provide will help protect your home, loved ones, pets, and your livelihood.

Community Connect is a secure database that residents and business owners create and maintain online. These "life safety profiles" are made available to first responders at the time of dispatch. All individuals at a single address are included in a single account.

All information is secure and accessible only to first responders. Create an account or update your existing profile today.

Info: fairfaxva.gov/communityconnect, CommunityConnect@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7940

BEHIND THE BADGE

Fairfax City Police Department Chief's Advisory Council

The Fairfax City Police Department Chief's Advisory Council meets monthly to discuss issues of concern. Members provide their views on public safety and law enforcement issues directly to the police department.

"Public safety is a partnership, and I believe the CAC is one opportunity that community members have to actively engage with the police department to help provide better quality of life for all residents in the city," said Police Chief Erin Schaible.

Recent topics of interest include how to protect yourself from mail and electronic fraud, scams targeting older adults, current crime trends, police training, legal changes, traffic concerns, and general safety concerns.

Information gleaned from CAC meetings is communicated to police personnel, and officers are tasked with action items related to the topic. For example, if there is concern from a particular community about speeding or not stopping at stop signs, extra patrols will be deployed to those locations. The department's public information officer and the community services division disseminate educational outreach and coordinate targeted enforcement efforts as needed.

Schaible has been working to increase the diversity of the CAC and the communities represented. New members include students from George Mason University and Fairfax HS and representatives from the faith community. "Our goal is to try to have as much diversity as possible to ensure we hear from as many perspectives and communities as possible," said Schaible.

If you have ideas for improving safety in your community, you are invited to apply. The advisory council is limited to 24 members. Guests are welcome. *Info: cacchair@fairfaxva.gov, 703-273-7744*



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COUNCIL REPORTER

PLEASE NOTE: summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "City Meetings."

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MARCH 8, 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Carol Caputo for her years of service to the City of Fairfax.
- COVID-19 vaccine update from the city manager.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution to endorse the city's application to the Transportation Planning Board's Regional Roadway Safety Program.
- Approved, 4-2, introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 90 (Taxation) to add a new Article XIII pertaining to a new local disposable plastic bag tax. Further moved to waive the first reading, and to set the public hearing on the proposed ordinance for March 22, 2022. *(In favor: Councilmembers Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, 4-3, based on the public convenience, welfare and good zoning practice, with respect to rezoning application filed for the premises of the Breezeway Motel, 10829 Fairfax Blvd., 10807 Cedar Ave., 3937 Walnut St., 3930 Oak St., 3932 Oak Street, 3934 Oak St., the City Council approved rezoning application Z-18-00539 to rezone the subject property from CR Commercial Retail, RMF Multifamily, and RH Residential High to PDM Planned Development-Mixed Use with Architectural Control Overlay District (ACOD) to remain and approval of the Master Development Plan with modifications and commitments, which has been prepared and submitted by the applicant. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Ross, and Stehle; and Mayor Meyer. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim, Miller, and Yi.)*
- Approved, 4-3, the request for a Major Certificate of Appropriateness for 40 townhouses, 20 condominiums, and a future commercial development, and site improvements on the premises of the Breezeway Motel, 10829 Fairfax Blvd., 10807 Cedar Ave., 3937 Walnut St., 3932 Oak St., and 3934 Oak St, subject to conditions (as may be amended by City Council). *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Ross, and Stehle; and Mayor Meyer. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim, Miller, and Yi.)*
- Public hearing on the proposed FY23 budget. (No action. Budget adoption scheduled for May 3, 2022.)
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$900,000 to fund the purchase of real property located at 10251 Main St. and 10324 Sager Ave., and comprising in the aggregate about 2.7 acres.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution in support of the United Nations Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, unanimously, the Feb. 22, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MARCH 22, 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging George Mason University's 50th Anniversary.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Zinta Rodgers-Rickert for her nomination of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Service Award.
- COVID-19 vaccine update from the city manager.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, in compliance with state code, the City Council write off taxes and publish the list of delinquent taxes on the city website. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*
- Approved, 4-0-1, a road closure for Sunday, May 15, 2022 (rain date: May 22, 2022) for the Old Town Fairfax Business Association Asian Festival on Main pursuant to the City Council road closure policy. Further moved a \$12,000 donation from the city to cover staffing costs. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Ross, Stehle, and Yi. Abstained: Councilmember Miller.) (Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public hearing on the proposed FY23 budget. (No action. Budget adoption scheduled for May 3, 2022.)
- Approved, 3-2, to defer action to June 14, 2022 on an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 90 (Taxation) to add a new Article XIII pertaining to a new local disposable plastic bag tax. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.) (Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, 4-1, that the City Council advertise a proposed real estate tax rate of \$1.035 per \$100 of assessed value. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi) (Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, unanimously, the March 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the March 15, 2022 special meeting minutes. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Approved, unanimously to appoint: David Hebert to the Board of Equalization; Kimberly Luckabaugh, Martha Armstrong, and Jane Woods to the Fairfax Village in the City Advisory Board; Kelly O'Brien and Katie Byrda to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and Shane Wolfe to the Personnel Advisory Board. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, to reappoint Stanley Cook to the George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*



Bike to Work Day

6-9 a.m. May 20 (rain or shine), Old Town Square
This annual event is a favorite among new and experienced cyclists. Free registration gets you a t-shirt, giveaways, and entrance to a raffle to win prizes. Info: fairfaxva.gov/biketowork

Bike Month Bingo

Celebrate Bike Month all May! Complete at least one row on the bingo card and return it to the City of Fairfax Transportation Division by June 1 to be entered into a raffle for a prize! Download your bingo card at fairfaxva.gov/bikemonth.

Bicycle Education and Community Events

Kids Bike Rodeo: 10 a.m. to noon April 30

Adult City Cycling Class: May 7

Community Bike Ride: 10 a.m. to noon May 21



STAY ENGAGED!

Civic participation is key to the success of Fairfax City. The mayor, city council, city leadership, and staff value your opinion. Explore city projects on Engage Fairfax and share your thoughts. Selected projects include: [Fairfax Boulevard and Meredith Drive Drainage Improvements](#) • CUE Bus Branding • [Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center](#) • [Pickett Road Connector Trail](#) • [Stafford Drive Stream Restoration](#) • [Kamp Washington Small Area Plan](#) • [Connecting Fairfax City for All](#)

If you are unfamiliar with Engage Fairfax, simply click on the “engage” button on the city homepage, or visit engage.fairfaxva.gov.

Apply for Stormwater Utility Fee Credits

Fairfax City established a stormwater utility to provide a stable, adequate, flexible, and equitable source of stormwater management funding. The stormwater utility credit program was developed in conjunction with the utility ordinance. The credit program provides a variety of options for property owners to apply for credits to reduce their stormwater utility fee. Credits are available for stormwater management facilities that are in good condition, regardless of their age. The program also includes six non-structural activity-based options to earn credit.

The creditable activities and crediting calculations have been developed so that all types of property owners can participate. The purpose of this program is to encourage participation in stormwater management and improve stormwater characteristics in the city. This program will help meet minimum control measures required by the city’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

A menu of non-structural practices is available to city property owners for potential



CITY OF FAIRFAX STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

SWU fee credit. These opportunities include urban tree canopy expansion, a no-fertilizer pledge, Adopt-A-Stream litter and invasive species removal, and a storm drain marking and monitoring program. The fee credits based on non-structural practices apply for between one and three years, depending on the practice.

SWU fee credits are available for the installation and continuing use, operating and maintenance of an approved, privately owned Best Management Practice (BMP). The fee credits for structural practices apply for three years. BMP examples include detention ponds, underground detention vaults, bioretention basins (rain gardens) and pervious pavement.

- BMPs constructed before 2014 are referred to as “Legacy BMPs”
- All BMPs constructed in 2014 and later are referred to as “New BMPs”

Property owners and organizations may apply for multiple credits for their respective properties from the menu of available structural and non-structural SWU fee credits. SWU fee credits may be earned cumulatively, with no set maximum percentage, with the exception that cumulative SWU fee credits will not preclude each billed property from being charged at least one Billing Unit (BU) per year.

Following City Council approval, the credit application and credit manual will be available for download at fairfaxva.gov/stormwaterutility. Info: 703-385-2578, stormwaterutility@fairfaxva.gov

2022 Women of Influence

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HILDIE CARNEY



CAROLYN SUTTERFIELD

"I love the city and want it to stay as wonderful as it is," she said. "I'm not a visionary. I live for today. I can do a lot of stuff today and can shake up things. To look [ahead] is a gift."

Sutterfield, a professional writer and editor who has lived in the city since 1988, was galvanized while editing a journal for the Association of Science and Technology Centers about how communities, municipalities, and associations were working to meet the challenges of aging populations. She also was deeply affected while helping family members navigate their last years of life and end-of-life-planning.

The Mosby Woods resident represents the city on the regional Fairfax Area Commission on Aging (as chair and, currently, as secretary) and has served on the City of Fairfax Human Services Committee and Mayor's Committee on Housing for the City of Fairfax. She also served as chair of the Mosby Woods Village Steering Committee.

"I never had a hometown. I was blessed coming here," Sutterfield said. "I want 'live life connected' to apply at all ages so that people can still be contributing actively to their community."

She said, "I want people to feel connected to Fairfax City as long as they live here and have an opportunity to participate in that way — even if it's not in the same house, but to be active and involved and be surrounded by friends of all ages."



10455 ARMSTRONG ST, FAIRFAX VA

SATURDAY,
MAY 14, 2022

10 AM
-
3 PM

LIVE MUSIC

V8 ENGINE DISPLAY

ENGINE BUILD

PRESENTED BY HYLTON HIGH SCHOOL

SAFETY ACTIVITIES

PRESENTED BY FAIRFAX CITY FIRE & POLICE DEPT

TROPHY PRESENTATION

VISIT WWW.FAIRFAXVA.GOV OR EMAIL SPECIALEVENTS@FAIRFAXVA.GOV



NEW City of Fairfax Fact Book Available

The 2022 *City of Fairfax Fact Book* is now available on the city website. The fact book includes detailed information about the city's population, neighborhoods, housing, transportation network, economic vitality, environment and sustainability, and community services.

The colorful maps and graphs, as well as emerging trends and comparisons to other Northern Virginia jurisdictions, are an indispensable resource for business owners, real estate

developers, realtors, commuters, and residents who want to better understand their community.

Download the 2022 Fact Book to gain a deeper understanding of our thriving city and how it fits within the Washington, D.C. metro area. *Info:* fairfaxva.gov (search "demographics")



Asian Festival on Main Returns for Second Year



Enjoy the second annual Asian Festival on Main from noon to 6 p.m. May 15 in Old Town Fairfax. The one-day, outdoor family event highlights Asian heritage through food, arts & crafts, education, and performances. Free admission! (Rain date is May 22.)

The festival will be held on Main Street (Route 236), between University Drive and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road. (Please note: from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 15, Main Street will be closed from Chain Bridge Road to Old Lee Highway/East Street, and University Drive will be closed from North Street to Sager Avenue.)

The event showcases the city's many Asian-owned businesses during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and demonstrates solidarity with residents of Asian descent.

"Thousands of visitors will see Old Town Fairfax's shopping and entertainment offerings and experience the city's inclusive nature," said organizer Jinson Chan.

The event is hosted by the Old Town Fairfax Business Association. Fairfax City is providing in-kind safety and security services. Info: asianfestivalonmain.com



Spotlight on the Arts ends May 8. Catch these highlights!

LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS

5th Annual Student Playwright Festival noon to 4 p.m. May 1, Sherwood (free)

Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Company 7 p.m. May 1, Sherwood (free)

City of Fairfax Swing Band 7 p.m. May 3, Sherwood (free)

City of Fairfax Saxophone Quartet 7:30 p.m. May 5, Sherwood (free)

City of Fairfax Theatre Company –True West May 1-8, see website for times, Old Town Hall

Fairfax Uncorked Jazz and Wine Festival 3:30-8 p.m. May 7, Historic Blenheim

"Spring Symphonia" – DC Music Academy 3 p.m. May 8, Sherwood (free)





HELPING HANDS

THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

BOARD VACANCIES

Board of Architectural Review (two vacancies: one business representative and one city resident), **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy), **Board of Equalization** (one alternate member), and **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy).

Vacancies are subject to change.

To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov and search "boards and vacancies," or call 703-385-7935.



Recycle Right. Know Before You Throw!

When preparing materials for recycling collection, it is important that you know before you throw and place only recyclable materials in the bin. So, what is recyclable in Fairfax City's curbside recycling program?

Acceptable materials include aluminum and steel cans, mixed paper, cardboard, and plastic bottles, tubs, and jugs. Other materials may be accepted in drop-off programs or other municipal programs but are not accepted via Fairfax City curbside recycling collection.

There are many household items that do not belong in the recycling bin. The recycling industry calls this "wishful recycling." Material such as plastic bags, glass, food residue, Styrofoam, plastic takeout cups and containers, batteries, food wrappers, shredded paper, and hoses and cables contaminate recyclable material, damage sorting machinery, and



add time and cost to the process.

Recycling right means placing only empty, clean, and dry accepted materials loose in your recycling bin. If you are unsure about the recyclability of an item, please reference the City of Fairfax recycling guide, or place it in the trash. Consider ways to reduce your trash, and reuse items in other ways. Recycle whenever possible — and when in doubt, leave it out.

If we all recycle right, we help local recycling centers successfully prepare recyclable material for manufacturers to purchase to make into new products. Recycling right preserves our natural environment and resources, supports local industries, reduces pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and creates a circular economy for our discarded recyclables. Together we can keep our community clean and healthy.

Info: fairfaxva.gov/recycling

MORE MAY EVENTS!

Cathedral Brass

Small Ensembles (free)

7 p.m. May 13, Van Dyck Park

7 p.m. May 20, Old Town Square

"Look to the Skies" (free)

7 p.m. May 21,

Veterans Amphitheater



Fairfax Muster

6:30 p.m. May 19,

Veterans Amphitheater

Featuring Stony Creek Fife and Drum Corps (Connecticut), the Patriots Fife and Drum Corps (Mason), the Old Guard (US Army), and the 8th Green Machine Regiment Band (Mason)

National Tap Day

Sundays on Tap

11 a.m. May 21, Old Town Square

Next Reflex – Flight

5 p.m. May 14, Historic Blenheim

5 p.m. May 28, Ashby Pond



City of Fairfax Recycling

KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW!



Include only these items in your recycling bin:

 PAPER Paper bags, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, envelopes	 CARDBOARD Flattened boxes, toilet paper and paper towel rolls	 PLASTIC Bottles, tubs and jugs	 METAL Tin, aluminum, steel and empty aerosol cans
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- Keep materials loose in the bin
- Empty and rinse out all food residue
- Labels and lids can be left on



The City provides recycling bins upon request. Email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7837

DO NOT place these items in your recycling bin:

 Do not bag recyclables – leave items loose in the bin	 No plastic bags or film plastic – return to retailer	 Bring to a purple glass-only recycling container, or place in trash	 No food wrappers, bags, or packaging – place in trash	 No styrofoam or plastic takeout containers	 No shredded paper – compost or place in trash
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Learn more recycling tips at fairfaxva.gov/recycling

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MAKING History

Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House Reopens

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, through October 29

Free docent-led tours and exhibit: *Kitty of the Roses*

Info: 703-385-8414



Dr. Kate Waller Barrett:

Mother to Many, May 7

Join Susan Inskeep Gray, Fairfax City Office of Historic Resources director, for the amazing story of the singular Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, whose leadership of organizations and initiatives in the early 1900s improved the lives of women and children extended to suffrage, human trafficking, and other progressive movements. The free event will be held at 2 p.m. May 7 at the Fairfax Museum, 10209 Main St.

History of Col. John S. Mosby's Operations in Prince William County, Virginia, May 21

Author-historians Don Hakenson and Chuck Mauro will talk about their latest book, which serves as a guide to Prince William County historical markers, safe houses, and graves of men associated with the Chinquapin Rangers, the Iron Scouts, and Colonel John S. Mosby. The free event will be held at 2 p.m. May 21 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. The book will be available for sale and signing.



Musical Styles Along the Crooked Road:

Crooked Road Royalty, through Sept. 6

This traveling exhibition from the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum showcases the long history of picking and singing in the mountains, highlighting the careers of the western Virginia powerhouse groups that helped build the American country music industry.

The city is planning to hold musical performances while the exhibit is at the museum; check the city website for details. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Crooked Road")